

FENCING CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Time: 8:15pm-9:30pm
Date: Monday, 10th March 2025
Location: online google meets

MINUTES

<i>No.</i>	<i>Item</i>
1	<p>Present (Quorum is at least half, i.e. at least 4):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will Bishop (Chair) - Liam James - Russell Johnson - Robert Clement - Una Johnson - Nathan McKnight - Becks Witteman <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicole Martin - Stephen Peterson
2	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moved true and correct - Will
	<p>Matters Arising – Action List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to stop using Trello Board. ● The secretary will provide a more thorough agenda to replace the Trello Board. Proposed by Will, Seconded by Becks
4	<p>Financial & Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly Financial Report – presented by Robert ● Affiliations for Fen Cen have increased so far for 2025 ● Competitor numbers at regional competitions, so far for this year, have also increased. ● Everyone asked to remind their club members to affiliate if they have not done so yet.
5	<p>FeNZ Matters/Central Matters.</p> <p>FeNZ AGM is coming up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All FeNZ members have been asked to be more considerate to all FeNZ Board members in their online communications. Everyone has been asked to remember that these are volunteers giving up their own time to fill these roles, and do not warrant personal online attacks. There are official channels available to air disagreements through ● After the Central AGM on the 23.2.25, a new board for 2025 has been elected. ● As Harry is leaving, Liam has agreed to take over the Referring Development role on the Committee. ● Whilst in Australia, Will approached Michal Nelson about doing an online refereeing course across 3 weapons , and would Central be interested. Everyone unanimously agreed to this idea.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will is going to follow up with Michael on possible dates and cost for doing this. If there is a strong interest for course it was suggested that it could be opened up to the other regions. • Simone May has approached Will about the possibility of Central hosting one of the NZ Development Camps later in the year. The two proposed dates were the 10-11th May and 5-7th July 2025. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
6	<p>Competition Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trefoil- increase in competitor numbers this year. First time to have a woman's sabre event instead of mixed ○ Central Under 15's and Cadet Champs. A big Thank you to Robert for his DT duties over the weekend. Another big thank you to Liam and Russell for referring over both days • Coming up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 23rd March U9/11/13 comp ○ Central Junior Champ – Details to be published soon ○ Easter weekend - National U15 and Cadet Champs <p>Will to confirm inter regional refs. Heather Claydon to DT</p>
7	<p>Club Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HVFC- Hutt Valley have had their AGM and implemented their new constitution. The club is growing at a healthy rate. Russell and Daisy have been appointed as the new head coaches. Robert is wanting to take a step back. It looks as though Masterton may not have a fencing club operating, as Hutt Valley have Masterton based fencers now coming across. Will to look into this. • WSC- The club is slowly growing with an increase in Foil. AGM is coming up. Building Maintenance to commence soon. • Fielding Sabres- Successful beginners class for term one coming to an end . Club slowly growing. • Other clubs: New Plymouth (John Calcott), Masterton (Andy Duncan, Xavier)
8	<p>Health & Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This role is vacant. Committee members to be approached about taking on this role.
9	<p>Grants</p> <p>Fencing Central Grant Funding update provided by Nathan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied to Sports Partnership fund from the Wellington City Council for a grant of \$2000 to help with North Island Champs. Update on this at next meeting. • As there are a limited number of grants that can be applied for each year, it was felt that the next ones should be for video equipment and an AED defibrillator for the Central region. The AED would travel around the region to all competitions
10	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and Update of the Fen Cen Website.

	<p>Becks had been asked for the club pages on our website to be updated as some are 10 years out of date. It was also suggested that we look into adding a link to make an easy access for people to affiliate on the website as well. All clubs were asked to go away and look at their club pages and we will put together a list of updates for the new Webmaster, Jonathan Couper-Smartt, after the next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quote Received from Mainland Fencing for carrier boxes for Scoring equipment. Robert had received a quote from Daniel Chan for 5 custom made boxes to better protect our scoring equipment. The quote has come back for \$ 690.00 for 5 , \$138 per box. Proposed by Will, seconded by Becks. Passed unanimously • Gear allocation from Fen Cen to clubs. Prior to the meeting, a proposal from Will was sent out to the committee about the distribution of excess gear that Central currently has. Stephen sent Becks three suggestions on this proposal to be read out in his absence. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To have a discounted sale (so that there is a real assessment of need/value to clubs) of all the equipment rather than free then sale. 2) Sale subject to making the gear available for regional and National competitions 3) In the event that the club ceases to operate, the gear is returned to central at no charge. <p>Discussion was held about these suggestions. It was felt that points 2 and 3 would happen anyway, but Will would review the affiliated club requirements in this instance and if it is not clearly stated this would be amended and would pass this onto Grant Tweedle to ratify. Point 1 was robustly discussed. Everyone at the meeting felt that this was a counterproductive suggestion in helping clubs in our region to grow. This suggestion was unanimously voted against.</p> <p>The only amendment made to the proposal was that the ground wire price would be amended to \$0. When the proposal is made public the clubs would have a two week window to apply with the stipulation of one set of gear to each club, any left over gear to be brought at a discounted price, as outlined in the original proposal sent out prior to the meeting. This was proposed by Will, seconded by Liam. Passed unanimously</p>
11	<p>Date of the Next Meeting <i>14th April 2025. Meeting invite pending</i></p>